



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings, Idylwild families!

A new semester brings new opportunities for learning. We are just past our midpoint for the year, and learning is skyrocketing. Our midyear AIMS shows increasing proficiency and learning gains for our students. Together, we will S.O.A.R to success this year.

COVID Update

We appreciate your support in helping us adhere to our COVID guidelines such as sending your children to school with a mask daily and keeping them home when they're not feeling well. At school, students are expected to wash their hands frequently and maintain social distancing. I'd like to give a special thanks to teachers and school staff for reminding students about social distancing, ensuring frequent cleaning protocols, and taking student temperatures daily. Equipment will be sanitized several times per day. We expect to continue these protocols for the foreseeable future. Any changes to the current protocols will be communicated via email from the district office.

SKYWARD Family Access

You can stay apprised of your child's grades and attendance through Skyward Family Access. An email was sent to all parents on how to sign up. If you have not received an email or would like to update your email, please contact the front office.

Dismissal Changes

Please communicate with your child's teacher about changes to your child's after school plans. Please send in a note on the designated day so that the teacher knows about the change. The front office

can accept changes of dismissal in the event of an emergency. Your child's safety is our number one priority.

Parent Contact Information

Please make sure that we have multiple numbers to contact you in the event of an emergency. We would also like to communicate via email. Please share your current email with your child's teacher.

School Advisory Council Meeting

Our next SAC meeting will be held on February 25 at 4:00. This will be a digital meeting. Please contact Mrs. Peterson if you would like to attend. We will be discussing our mid year progress and plans for the rest of the year.

All Kids Eat Free

Our school participates in the Community Eligible Provision (CEP) school lunch program where all students may have a complimentary breakfast and lunch. We encourage all students to eat breakfast with us daily beginning at 7:15. Students who elect to bring their lunch may also participate.

Volunteers

Sadly, volunteering in-person at school has been strictly limited during the pandemic. There may be ways to volunteer virtually by contacting Kelley Kostamo at the district volunteer office.

Curriculum Update

Our school implements the district adopted core curriculum in ELA, math science, and social studies. All students have an extra hour of reading instruction daily. We use a variety of supplemental materials to customize learning for each child. This includes using iReady for Reading and Math. We monitor student progress monthly using iStation for

Reading and Math. The spring assurances includes additional progress monitoring in core subjects.

AVID

Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) is new this year. Our students are working on improving their organizational skills, focus on career and college readiness, and increased rigor in course-work. Be on the lookout for student AVID binders. To celebrate, Fridays are designated as COLLEGE GEAR day. Wear your favorite college colors!

Please let us know if you have any questions,
Lisa Peterson, Principal

DIGITAL ACADEMY ART

Hello, amazing families! In Digital Academy Art, we have been tackling a variety of materials-challenges, and working with some non-traditional art-making items (like straws, aluminum foil, and coffee filters) -- and believe me, our Idylwild artists truly are AMAZING and creative! Looking ahead we will continue exploring materials, and will be viewing the work of some incredible artists like Faith Ringgold and the Gee's Bend quilters, finding inspiration for our own artmaking. I can't wait to see what our awesome artists create next!

Mrs. Phillips

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Families,

Time flies when you are having fun! With the arrival of February comes the end of the second nine weeks and the beginning of the third. Report cards will be posted on Family Access February 9th. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to speak to them about your child's progress.

We will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 16th! One of our main academic goals in Kindergarten is to learn the first 100 Fry words. Please continue to practice Fry words daily with your child. If you need resources, contact your child's teacher, as they would be more than happy to send you the list of Fry words.

Another goal of ours is to have every student be on

time to school. Don't forget, class begins at 7:45am daily and students are marked tardy when they arrive any later.

Thank you all for your continued support with your child's education. We hope you have a lovely February!

The Kindergarten Team

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Dear Families,

The 100th Day of School is on February 16th! We want students to have mastered their first 100 sight words by the middle of first grade then 200 sight words by the end of the year. Please make sure to have your child practice those sight words every day. Students should work on their reading log and math fluency homework every day as well. That daily practice is so important for building good study habits that will help them throughout their public school education and beyond. If you need another set of sight words or anything else, please contact your child's teacher.

We are excited to bring more STEM activities to our students thanks to a grant from the NEA, National Education Association. Students will have the opportunity to engage in activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math through creative problem-solving and discovery. We hope that this will get our students dreaming big and thinking about a career in science, technology, engineering, or math in their future! It is not too early to set those goals and work towards them.

Please help your child be the best they can be by coming to school on-time and ready to learn!

Thank you!
First Grade Team

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are halfway through the school year. Students are scheduled to receive report cards on February 9th. Once again, we encourage all parents/guardians to discuss their child's academic progress with them and schedule a virtual meeting with your child's teacher to discuss areas that require further growth. It is vital to celebrate your child's academic success with them as well as strategies about ways to improve with goals in mind.

As you are aware, parental academic engagement is essential for academic success. We are encouraging all parents to continue in the efforts of supporting their child(ren) academically. One of our goals in 2nd Grade is that each student reads 92 words per minute by the end of the school year. Also, please encourage your child(ren) to study their Fry Words each night for at least 20 minutes. If needed, please request a copy of the Fry Words from your child's teacher. According to research, when parents are engaged in the learning process of their children, student achievement is positively affected (U.S. Department of Education, 2015c).

In addition, please continue to check your child's red folder daily for homework assignments, completed assignments, teacher notes, and school informational letters. Stay safe!

The Second Grade Team

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Hello families,

Third grade is moving quickly towards the finish line. You're students have been working hard to learn skills to prepare them for the upcoming FSA in April. In reading we are working on increasing our stamina and reading for longer periods of time while maintaining focus and not getting distracted. In math we're working on finding area and perimeter while still reviewing multistep problems and continuing working on fluency in multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for any questions and concerns. We will start the third quarter the week

2/1/21. Please, remember to keep your child at home if they are running a fever or have any Covid-19 symptoms. Also, please remind your child of the safety guidelines such as keeping 6 feet apart, wearing a mask, and washing their hands.

Stay safe!

The Third Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Congratulations to your children for completing AIMS Testing and the Second Quarter. We are proud to say we are seeing growth and look forward to seeing even more in this next Quarter!

This past month the Fourth Grade Team has really focused on developing our Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) time within our classroom. We have made it a priority for all students to feel more comfortable in the classroom with their peers with various activities that allows them to share different information about themselves and have fun before the school day begins. A few activities we have implemented are discovering a new quote each day for the children to dissect, understand, and discuss ways they can implement that thought into their own lives. Another added bonus to our SEL time is that each week a child is chosen to become the "Spotlight Student" where they get to share specific information about themselves with everyone else. This can be a difficult task for some children and we ask that you talk with your child about what they would like to share about themselves with the class. We all look forward to getting to know and inspire each other a little more each day.

Here are the standards we will cover for Quarter 3:

ELA/Reading

Integrating information, compare/contrast, text structure, firsthand and secondhand accounts, determining the meaning of words in a text, poetry

Math

Multiplying whole numbers and fractions, relating fractions and decimals, understanding measurement equivalence, using perimeter and area formulas

Science

Heat, Forces and Motion, Life Science Standards Review

Social Studies

Florida in Modern Times

Please check with your child's teacher for upcoming events, projects, and testing dates

Thank You,
The Fourth Grade Team

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Greetings fifth-grade families! As we enter Quarter 3 of the school year, we wanted to inform you that we are gearing up to recruit Safety Patrols! Applications went home Monday, February 1. All applications were due back Friday, February 5. The fifth-grade teachers will reviewed each applicant and informed selected students of their acceptance on Monday, February 8. Please look for more information regarding safety patrols – this is time sensitive material.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- School begins at 7:45. Please ensure that your child is at school, or logged in with their DA teacher no later than 7:45. DA students are expected to attend class as if they were at school.
- Masks are to be worn around campus at all times. We are having to remind students regularly to pull their masks up.
- AVID binders should return to school every day with students. These binders are essential for academic success!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your teacher. We want to make this chaotic school year the absolute best and most successful for your children.

Fifth Grade Team

FEB & MAR Calendar

MON FEB 1st

Beginning of
2nd Semester

TUE FEB 9th

Report Cards Home

MON FEB 15th

President's Day
NO SCHOOL

THU FEB 25th

SAC Meeting
DIGITAL

TUE MAR 2nd

Title 1 Parent Mtg
5:00

ESOL Parent Mtg
5:30

TUE MAR 9th

Interim Reports Home

MON MAR 22nd -

FRI MAR 26th

Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

THU MAR 25th

SAC Meeting
DIGITAL